## **EXHIBIT A**

## In The Matter Of:

Scott Weaver vs Champion Pet Foods USA, et al.

Videotaped Deposition of Scott Weaver June 19, 2019

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				4	the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, pursuant to
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		Defendants,	/	9	of Wisconsin, on the 19th day of June, 2019,
				10	commencing at 8:00 a.m.
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4 EXAMINATION 4 need to res 5 By Ms. Baca: 5 court repo 6 Q Good morning, Mr. Weaver. 6 A Yes.	court reporter can hear what you're I write things down correctly. Please and with "nuh-uhs" or "uh-huhs." We spond with clear yeses or noes for the orter.
7 A Good morning. 8 Q Would you please state your name for the record. 9 A Scott A. Weaver. 10 Q Thank you. And what is your address? 11 A	u prepare for today at all? or today? rstanding what I know. id what did you do to prepare? Did you ing? Did you speak with anyone? article the paperwork that's been by my attorneys and spoke with my
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1 Q And is your counsel Ms. Peterson? 2 A Yes. 3 Q Thank you. I'd like to introduce what I'll mark 4 as Exhibit 1. 5 (Exhibit No. 1 marked for identification.) 7 Q Have you seen this before, Mr. Weaver? 8 A Yes. 9 Q Is that your name indicated on the document? 10 A Yes. 11 Q And does it indicate that you are to be present 11 to the final to	MS. BACA: Agreed. e," do you mean any news articles or articles?  y. Are you referring to just the papers been filed apers awsuit? we been filed. reat. And about how long did you spend these documents?
13 A Yes.  14 Q Thank you. Have you ever been deposed before?  15 A Never.  16 Q All right. Well, I'd like to go over some ground  17 rules for today, if you don't mind.  18 So if you don't understand something that I'm  19 asking you, please just ask me to clarify, and  20 I'll rephrase the question.  21 A Okay.  22 Q And if you can't hear me, please let me know, and	o I'd like to ask you a little bit about currently married?  our first marriage?

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1 A	Susan Kay Weaver.	1		outside of your job?
	And what is her date of birth?		Δ	Honestly, probably our dogs. We we our dogs
_			7.	are therapy dogs. So we do hospital visits. My
	3-31-57.	3		wife does school. One of them is an AKC titled
4 Q	And is she currently employed?	4		
5 A	No.	5		literacy R.E.A.D. dog. That's what we do,
6 Q	Okay.	6		volunteer work.
7	MS. PETERSON: I'm also going to	7	Q	That's great. Thank you. And did you attend high
8	put on record that I'm going to designate	8		school, Mr. Weaver?
9	this confidential as to specific information	9	Α	Yes.
10	as to			Where did you graduate?
			-	From Logan Logan High School in La Crosse,
11	MS. BACA: Okay.		Λ	Wisconsin.
12	MS. PETERSON: date of births,	12	0	
13	etc. So we can review that once we get the		Ų	Great. And did you attend a college or trade
14	actual transcript, but until then, I would	14		school afterwards?
15	like it deemed confidential.	1		A little bit of trade school.
16 Q	And is your wife a plaintiff in this lawsuit?	16	Q	And what did you study there?
17 A		17	Α	Business.
	And why not?	18	O	Okay. What is the name of the trade school you
	She she's very emotional about this whole	19		attended?
	situation.		Δ	WWTC.
20				Did you receive a degree or certificate
21 Q	Of course.			
22 A	And she did not feel comfortable. I'll be honest			No.
23	with you.			at all? No? Okay. I'd just like to go over a
24 Q	Okay.	24		little bit of some of the coursework that you
25 A	So I'm I'm the spokesperson.	25		might have done in your schooling.
7071-0-0-0-190	uped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 10 Understood. And did your spouse buy			okay.  Page 12 Okay.
,	Champion's pet food, or did only you buy it?			Did you take any courses in chemistry?
2			-	No.
1	No. We both did.	1		How about nutrition?
4 Q	•		-	
5 A	Yes.	5		No.
6 Q	How many children do you have?	6	-	Biology?
7 A	Three sons.			No.
8 Q	How old are they?	8	Q	Animal biology?
	Wow, you're testing me. 44. He's a the			No.
10	captain in the police force. I've got a	10	O	Toxicology?
11	38-year-old that is a police officer, and then		_	No.
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13 Q	Does anyone currently reside at your home besides	12 13	Q A	Any other general science courses No.
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And you work out of the home, Mr. Weaver?

Okay. So now we've talked about a variety of

sales positions that you have held and a variety

23 Q And --

24 A I was a VP of sales.

22 A It was called Promotions Unlimited.

25 Q And what did Promotions Unlimited sell?

Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 17 head. of companies. Have you ever been involved in the 1 sale of dog food? 2 O Okay. 2 3 A And I'm not -- I am not a -- and what are they? 3 A Dog food? No. What do they call them? The -- all of the 4 O Okay. No marketing of dog food, nothing of the different things that everybody's on nowadays, 5 5 I'm -- Twitter or all of those things, I don't do 6 A Of dog food, no. 7 Q Okay. Thank you. I'm just going to go over a them. I don't participate. 7 Q Okay. You just anticipated -couple other training experiences that you might 8 8 A My wife keeps telling me that I should, and I keep 9 telling her, "I don't want to get messed in with Do you have any experiences in veterinary 10 10 that stuff." I mean, I don't have friends. I medicine? 11 11 12 don't like things. I don't do any of that. So --12 A No. 13 Q Okay. Have you received any training in pet Okay. You anticipated my next question. We can 13 go through it quickly. 14 14 So you've never had a Facebook? 15 A No. 15 16 Q Have you received any training in veterinary 16 A No. 17 O You've never had a Twitter? toxicology? 17 A No. 18 18 A No. 19 Q And do you have any medical training? 19 O And you've never had an Instagram? 20 A No. Don't want to. 20 A No. 21 Q Even if you don't have an account, have you ever 21 O And you're not trained as a lawyer, correct? dabbled on the websites at all? 22 A As a lawyer? No. 23 A I may have linked to one not knowing that it was 23 Q Okay. Have you ever owned your own business? a Twitter thinking I was doing a search for 24 24 A Yes. something else. 25 Q And what business was that? 25 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 20 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 18 1 Q Understood. 1 A I was an independent broker/rep selling general 2 A Or a Facebook, yeah. merchandise. 3 Q Have you ever interacted with any posts on 3 Q What was the name of your company? websites like this about heavy metals? 4 A Sons III, Roman numerals, LLC. 5 Q What kind of general merchandise was that? No. Α How about BPA? 6 A Everything from sheets to blankets to socks to 6 O anything general merchandise-related for the Α No. 7 8 Q How about pentobarbital? grocery industry. 9 Q So your target audience were grocers? 9 A No. 10 Q How about pet nutrition? 10 A Yes. 11 Q Okay. And have you ever recommended pet food to 11 A No. 12 Q So you kind of mentioned or hinted at your wife anyone? 12 enjoys posting on social media and enjoys her 13 A Recommended pet foods? I don't think I -- maybe 13 accounts. Has she ever shown you anything related in general conversation with people with friends 14 to heavy metals? or whatever, but no. 15 15 16 Q Okay. Nothing that you recall in particular? 16 A No. 17 Q How about BPA? 17 A No. 18 Q Specific brands? 18 A No. 19 Q How about pentobarbital? 19 A No. 20 Q Okay. So in your role with MobilEssentials, do 20 A No. How about pet nutrition? you consider yourself to be pretty tech savvy? 21 Q 21 22 A We probably talked about nutrition because of the 22 A No. 23 23 O No? 24 Q Okay. A I mean, I'm computer literate. I can do e-mails. 25 A Not necessarily that it was on the internet, but, I file everything that I have, but I'm not a tech

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1 you know, we we pay close attention to our	So was it the veterinarian that told you
2 dogs.	about the cancer for both dogs?
3 Q Understood. Of course.	3 A Yes.
4 A And as far as my wife's account, I mean, she has,	4 Q Okay. And did the vet perform some sort of
5 like, 30 friends. She's very particular. She	5 testing to figure this out?
6 doesn't you know, her brother her brother	6 A Honestly, I don't know what testing they did.
7 has, I want to say, 2,600 that he follows	7 Jill, it was an ER vet. It was rather sudden.
8 constantly and and my wife said, "I will never,	8 She had played, had a good, hard day all day long.
9 never do that. I don't want people to know my	9 She was struggling when we went to bed. We
10 political backgrounds or whatever." So	thought she just kind of pulled a muscle in her
11 Q Makes sense. Makes sense. All right. So would	11 leg. We went upstairs, went to bed. She started
you mind if we talked a little bit about the	convulsing and threw up in the house.
13 dogs	13 I threw her in the car. We went to the vet.
14 A Sure.	14 It was probably a matter of 30 minutes,
15 Q that are the subject of the complaint? All	15 40 minutes. They couldn't get blood pressure
16 right.	16 because everything was going wacky and
So let's just first start off by if you could	17 Q I'm sorry, Mr. Weaver. That's so scary.
tell me the names of your dogs.	18 A That's okay. She she was a very strong dog,
19 A We have a we've had many dogs through our life,	and she ended up passing away.
but the dogs that we had recently were Jack, Jill,	20 MS. PETERSON: If you would like
21 and Prince Harry.	do you want to take a break right now, or are
22 Q Okay. And these are the three dogs that are	22 you okay?
23 mentioned in the complaint?	THE WITNESS: No.
24 A Mm-hmm.	MS. PETERSON: I'm just and for
25 Q Could you tell me what breed your dogs are.	25 the record, I'm just going to put an
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1 A Purebred golden retrievers.	objection as to the relevance as to the
2 Q All three of them?	2 health, which we've put in the documents.
3 A All three of them.	3 It's just going to be standing. So I'm not
4 Q All right. And about how old are your dogs? I	4 going to be constantly be interrupting you
5 think some of them passed away.	5 but I just for the record.
6 A Jack and Jill were 10 excuse me, 11 and 10.	6 MS. BACA: Understood, Rebecca.
7 Q Okay.	7 A Then we after she passed, we the vet was
8 A And then Prince Harry is eight. He's still with	8 going to, you know, do what they do with the dogs,
	and we said no I I carried her to the car

- Could you tell me when Jack and Jill passed away.
- A Jill actually passed last year. I think it was in 11
- April, and Jack was in May. Within two and a half 12
- weeks, we lost both of them to cancer. 13
- 14 O So Jill was April 2018, and Jack was May 2018?
- A Mm-hmm. Yes. Sorry. 15
- 16 Q Do you know what kind of cancer your dogs had?
- Honestly, I don't remember the name. I just know 17
- that they had cancer. One had nasal cancer. The 18
- other one -- Jill passed extremely suddenly, and 19
- when we went to the vet at 1:30 in the morning, 20
- she lasted about 20 minutes after convulsing at 21
- our house, and she passed away. We were told that 22
- it was -- her internal organs had basically 23
- infested with cancer and blew up. So --24
- 25 Q That's so sad. I'm so sorry.

- and we said no. I -- I carried her to the car, 9
- and we slept with her that night in our bed. Then 10
- I took her to the crematory. 11
- 12 O I'm so sorry, Mr. Weaver. We do not need to go
- into the specifics of this at all, but I 13
- understand if you want to talk about it to honor 14
- her memory today. 15
- 16 A Okay.
- 17 Would you like to talk about Prince Harry?
- 18 A Prince Harry is wonderful. He's an extremely
- likeable dog. He's jumped into the role that Jill 19
- had as a literacy dog at school. The kids love 20
- her -- love him. They loved Jill. They still 21
- talk about Jill. Kids run up to my wife and say 22
- that they miss her and Jack because Jack did that 23
- before that, but Prince Harry stepped right in, 24
- and he's been doing a fantastic job. 25

Scott Weaver vs Champion Pet Foods USA, et al. Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 25 He's a big golden retriever. We -- my wife 1 will tell people when they ask the name and we 2 say, "It's Prince Harry," and they start laughing 3 and they go, "Prince Harry?" And she said, 4 "Because he's just like Prince Harry." Well, it 5 was when Prince Harry was young. He was 6 flamboyant. He is all about Prince Harry, and 7 that's what he is. 8 We were just at the dog park last night with 9 two other dogs, a neighbor dog, and we were 10 running around, and that's just what he does. He 11 plays hard, and he's eight years old. 12 13 Q That's awesome. Can you explain to me a little bit about what a literacy dog is. I've never 14 heard of that term. 15 He -- a literacy or R.E.A.D. dog. They basically 16 A go into the schools. They -- my wife has been 17

going to the same school for about nine years, and it's a school that's in a -- it's a -- it's a very diverse school base of kids. A lot of the kids are very -- come from troubled homes and things. It's not -- it's in -- I don't want to say the hood. It's in a -- it's in a low economic area, and that's what she loves to do with these kids,

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- in our yard or on our leash with us when we walk.
- 2 Q Okay.3 A Madison is very big for the farmer's market on
- 4 Saturdays. We would walk the farmer's market.
- 5 You cannot walk on the market. You walk outside
- the square. And we would walk with the dogs to
- 7 socialize them, and we would have people lined up
- taking pictures because you've got three beautiful
- golden retrievers. People love to interact with
   you. And that's -- it's -- we would draw crowd,
- you. And that's -- it's -- we would drawand we would do that all the time.
- 12 O So your dogs were usually on leashes?
- 13 A Oh, yeah.
- 14 Q Okay. And where did you get your dogs? Were they
- 15 from a breeder?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Were there any relation between three dogs? Were
- 18 they siblings or --
- 19 A They -- they were -- I don't think parents were
- the same. They were all the same breeder, but he
- 21 has several different dogs.
- 22 Q Okay. How would you describe Prince Harry's
- 23 health?
- 24 A Right now, excellent. We have not had any
- 25 problems with him.

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We do birthday parties for the dogs. We do pizza

and we do parties every -- for birthday parties.

- 2 parties for the kids at Christmas. Some of the
- 3 kids in the school have never had a pizza from
- 4 Pizza Hut or on outside pizza.
  - Although, I remember when my wife, one of the times she said, you know, "I need to have you order these pizzas for the kids." So I -- I would take care of that and get everything lined up for her, and she said, "Oh, this one little boy was so tickled. He wanted to meet the pizza driver because he's never seen a pizza driver deliver pizza. I'm just going, "It's hard to believe that
- there are kids that don't experience some of these things," but the kids, they would read to the dog and pet them as they're reading because kids are conscious of their reading ability and other kids
- may laugh or snicker. Dogs won't laugh or
- snicker. They're going to give you unconditional love, and that's what he does.
- 20 Q Understood. That makes a lot of sense.
- So tell me about your three dogs. When you had them, were they indoor dogs, outdoor dogs? How would you describe them?
- A Our dogs are pampered. Okay? We have a metal -metal wrought iron fence around our yard. They're

- 1 Q That's great.
- 2 A That I know of.
- 3 Q That's great. So I know we discussed that the
- 4 veterinarian thought your two dogs passed from
- 5 cancer?
- 6 A Mm-hmm.
- 7 Q Was there any discussion with your veterinarians
- 8 about heavy metal poisoning?
- 9 A We've never discussed heavy metals, no.
- 10 Q Okay. Was there any discussion that your dogs
- 11 might have consumed pentobarbital?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q How do you --
- 14 A Jack was actually diagnosed with cancer. He -- we
- 15 took him to the UW vet and everything, the vet
- school, spent thousands of dollars to find out
- what his problem was, and his -- his was a nasal
- 18 cancer, and it -- it grew inside his nose to the
- 19 point where it burst into his brain, and he was
- bleeding through the nose for months.
- 21 Q That's terrifying. Did the UW vets have any
- 22 hypothesis or come to any conclusions about the
- 23 source of the cancer?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q Okay.

Champion Pet Foods USA, et al. Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 31 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 29 1 Q So in your search to find an adult food for your 1 A We never discussed that. It was all about Jack, dogs, was there something specific that led you to what can we do to help him or keep him good. 2 Champion's pet food? 3 Q Absolutely. So let's transition to discuss your 3 My wife did a little bit of research on different dog's eating habits and their foods. 4 4 brands of dog food, and then through Did your three dogs ever eat any dog food 5 recommendations of a breeder, they mentioned the before eating Champion dog food or was Champion 6 6 Six Fish, and that -- that it would be good for the first food they were ever introduced to? 7 7 8 A No, they had a food before we went to Champion, their coats and excellent for them, and we did, 8 and we were recommended by a breeder to go to like I said, a little bit of research, and we 9 9 thought, "Well, geez. If it's six different fish Champion. So we switched, and I honestly couldn't 10 10 in there, a reputable company. The bags are tell you the name of the food. 11 11 vacuum sealed so that it's fresh" -- when we would Okay. So let me try to break that down. They 12 12 O go to our store to buy pet food -- if you go over were on a pet food before Champion? 13 13 to Mounds, which is in town here, they put little 14 A Well, when they were puppies, they were on a pet 14 circles on all the bags of pet food. Okay? And food that's specifically for puppies. 15 15 the little circle denotes when they received the Do you recall the brand name of the puppy diet? 16 16 Q product so that they could rotate properly. Okay? I do not. 17 17 A When we would go in to buy our pet food, I Were all three on the same --18 18 Q would go in. We would look at the stack of pet 19 A Yes. 19 20 food, and my wife would make me move every bag to -- type of puppy diet? 20 Q find the bags in the back to give them the 21 21 A Yes. freshest pet food. And if a bag was -- the seal 22 O Okay. Was there a particular reason you put your 22 dogs on the puppy diet? Did somebody recommend was broke -- because in the early years when it 23 23 was produced in Canada, the bags were vacuum 24 it? 24 sealed and was like a brick. And you picked it up 25 A Yeah. The breeders that -- when you get a puppy, 25 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 32 and you went, "This is fresh," because there's no you always put them on puppy food to start their 1 1 air in it to let anything get into it. So we life. It has different nutrient -- nutrients, I 2 2 believe, than regular dog food. I don't know that 3 3 and was hard as a rock. And if it wasn't, that much about it. 4 4 would go back in the pile and let somebody else 5 Q Did you conduct any research into the puppy food, 5 or was it just word of mouth? 6 6 If we -- there were specific times of the 7 A It was from the breeder telling us what's the 7 8

recommended thing. So we did it. 8 O Okay. Did you know anything specific about the 9 nutritional value or just that it was aimed for 10 11 12 A Just aimed for puppies and that it would help them 13 Did you know anything about the levels of heavy 14 metals in the puppy food? 15 16 A No.

17 Q Did you know anything about the levels of BPA in 18 the puppy food?

19 A No. If I knew anything about those levels, I

would never give them to one of my puppies, dogs, 20 any animal. 21

Understood. So why did you switch from the puppy 22 O diets over to Champion dog food? 23

Because they were not puppies any longer. So now Α 24 you start giving them adult food. 25

would make sure that that bag was sealed properly buy that pet food, and then we would take it home.

year, we were told, that they were having trouble with getting all of the fish that are in there, and sometimes our Mounds that we bought at would be out. We would literally drive around Madison to all of the Mounds stores to find one that we would be able to purchase the exact same brand because my wife was very particular, and she would not change foods, because when you change foods, it can upset dogs' stomachs. So she would not do that.

We were also on the -- Mounds has a program where you get a loyalty card for pet food. Okay? So there's a little envelope, and I -- we don't have any of the envelopes anymore because you have to submit them to them, but you get an envelope -a little envelope, and it's got squares on it. When you buy a bag of dog food of specific brands, of which Six Fish was on there, you would clip off

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- the UPC, take your receipt, staple it to the UPC. They would put their sticker on it saying that you
- 2 bought it at Mounds, and then you put it in this 3
- envelope, and then you would log when you bought 4 it, da, da, da. 5
  - mix it 50/50 to get their stomach used to it, and And then after you bought 12 bags, you took 6
- in that envelope with all of my receipts and the 7 UPC codes, give them to the clerk, grab another 8
- Probably -- maybe a week, week and a half. bag, which at the time, I think it was \$106 or 9 A 9
- 10 O Okay. \$108 bag. So we did not buy cheap food. And then 10
- 11 A they would give me that 12th bag free. And when 11
- you're going through a big bag of dog food at a 12
- hundred bucks every three weeks, it was well worth 13
- saving your receipts. 14
- 15 Q Okay. So let's try to go back to the original
- question. Your wife conducted some research when 16 she was looking for a dog food, correct? 17
- 18 A A little bit of research, yes.
- 19 O Okay. And what specifically was she looking for?
- What qualities in a dog food did she want? 20
- 21 A She was just looking -- I think she was looking at
- fat ratios or whatever. She didn't want the dogs 22

1 O Okay. What are any qualities or characteristics

4 A No, not really, other than Jack was -- he was not

that you specifically were looking for in the dog

on the Six Fish. He was on the -- I think it was

was allergic to fish, and he would get hot spots.

bison or something like that, more beef because he

So we couldn't give him fish or poultry. That was

recommendation from the breeder to get on Champion

to get fat. 23

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- 24 O So caloric content?
- 25 A Yeah.

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- 1 Q Understood. So how old were your dogs when you
  - switched them off puppy food to Champion?
- Probably a year, little over a year. 3 A
- 4 Q Can you tell me about how you did the transition.
- 5 A We mixed puppy food with the regular food, and you
- then we flipped them over totally. 7
- Okay. How long do you think that transition took? 8 Q
- We have a feeding station for all three dogs. We
- had it custom made so that they can eat standing 12
- up, you know, so that they're not leaning over 13
- eating a dish on the floor. So it's a high 14
- feeding station at their chin level. All three 15
- dogs would come in. I would put a scoop into each 16
- dish, and they would eat together. 17
- Great. So the internet research that led you to 18 Q
- Champion, only your wife conducted it; you didn't 19
- do any --20
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q -- searches on your own?
- 24 Q Did you recall what websites that she visited?
- 25 A I have no idea.

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- 1 O Okay. Are you aware of Champion's website at all?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q Have you ever visited it?
- 4 A I don't think I have, no.
- 5 Q Okay. There's a Champion's website. Have you
- visited the champion petfoods.com?

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- 7 A I honestly don't remember ever visiting it, no.
- 8 Q Okay. How about the Acana website?
- 9 A I think I did just yesterday.
- 10 Q You did? What did you --
- 11 A Yeah, and --
- 12 O -- look for at --
- 13 A I don't think I looked at Champion. I think I
- looked at Acana and Orijen or whatever. 14
- 15 Q And what did you look for on the Acana website?
- 16 A I just wanted to see the pictures of the bags so
- that I would see -- familiarize myself with the 17
- picture of the bags. That's all I looked at. 18
- 19 O Okay. And where -- what jogged your memory?
- 20 A Well, preparing for today. You know, I wanted to make sure I had all of my information in my head. 21
- Which bags on the websites specifically jumped out 22 O
- at you? 23
- 24 A Six Fish.
- 25 O The Six Fish?

From a breeder. Not from our breeder, but from 14 A another breeder that she had talked with. 15

the only thing that we looked at.

10 Q Okay. So in addition to your wife's internet research, you mentioned that you received a

16 Q Okay. And what -- if you recall anything, what

did that breeder say? 17

18 A Just that it was excellent food, that it was --

Six Fish was good for their coats. And then when 19

we looked at the price and we went, "Well, it's 20

over a hundred bucks. Not many bags over a 21

hundred bucks. It's got to be good." You know, 22 you just kind of say that to yourself, and it's 23

not like buying Old Roy at Walmart, you know? But 24 those dogs probably live long too. 25

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Page 39 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 37 these websites? 1 A Because it's what we -- that one and that other 2 A No. beef, bison, whatever it was. MS. BACA: Okay. All right. I'd 3 Q Understood. Was there anything else you looked at 3 either on Acana or Orijen website? like to take a quick break, if you don't 4 4 mind --5 5 A No. THE WITNESS: Sure. 6 Q Are you aware that Champion has a white paper? 6 MS. BACA: -- just to kind of 7 A I couldn't tell you what a white paper is. 7 re-collect my thoughts. 8 Q Understood. 8 THE WITNESS: Okay. 9 A What is white paper? 9 MS. BACA: All right. 10 O We can talk about that after the deposition. 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the 11 A Oh, so it's negative? Okay. 11 record at 8:38. 12 O No, not necessarily, sir. Not at all. 12 (Recess taken.) 13 13 A Okay. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on MR. COULSON: Yeah, the way this 14 14 the record at 8:47. works is the lawyer gets to ask the 15 15 16 Q Mr. Weaver, when were your dogs born? questions, and you're supposed to answer. 16 A January -- exact birth dates, they would -- well, THE WITNESS: Yeah. 17 he was 11. So 11 years ago last -- he was born It's a little unfair. I understand. 18 18 in -- I want to say March, and Jill was right Have you ever heard of a -- a Clean Label 19 19 about the same time, but she was a year younger. Project? 2.0 20 21 O So was Jack born in 2008? 21 A No. 22 A '8? No. It would be 2007, and then Jill would Q Okay. Have you ever come across any websites, articles, blogs on the internet that were against have been 2008. 23 24 Q And when was Prince Harry born? Champion or said some negative things --25 A 2010. 25 A No. Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 40 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 38 1 Q How old were your dogs when you bought them from 1 Q -- about Champion? 2 A No. I don't search blogs. The only thing I do on 2 the breeder? 3 A Eight weeks, I think we get them. my computer is if I don't have an address for a 3 Q Okay. So you purchased your dogs -- Jack first, store, I say, "Stop & Shop in Massachusetts -- in 4 Jill about a year later, and two years after that, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Here's the address. Give 5 5 Harry? me the phone number." That's what I do. 6 7 Q Understood. Has your wife ever shown you anything 7 A Mm-hmm. Q Do any of your dogs have any offspring? of this sort? 8 A No. One of the stipulations with the breeder is 9 9 A No. you're not allowed to -- you're not allowed to 10 Q Okay. I'm just going to run through a couple pet 10 breed. I don't -- I don't stay in touch -- or we food blogs. Tell me if you've visited these 11 don't stay in touch with people that would have websites or heard -- or heard of them. 12 had offspring, the brothers and sisters, no. I'm 13 13 A Okay. sure there are, but I don't know. 14 O The Truth About Pet Foods? 14 Who is your breeder? 15 15 A No. THE WITNESS: Bless you. 16 Q Petfoodindustry.com? 16 MS. PETERSON: Thank you. 17 17 A No. 18 A Dichi. Dogfoodadvisor.com? 18 Q Q Could you please spell that. 19 19 A No. 20 A D-I-C-H-I. 20 Q Chagrinfallspetclinic.com? 21 O And where is Dichi located? 21 A No. 22 A Portage, Wisconsin. 22 Q How about your veterinarian? Does your veterinarian have a website that you visited? Q What are the names of the veterinarians that saw your dogs when they started getting sick? 24 24 A I never did, no. 25 A Jesse Sondel and then -- that was our vet, and 25 Q Okay. And has your wife shown you anything on

Page 43 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 41 you're buying it because, one, we felt that it was then the UW vet, I can't tell you what his name a premium -- a high premium dog food because of 2 2 is. We only saw him twice. the packaging, because of the cost, because of 3 Q Have your three dogs visited any other vets 3 what it says on the package being -- you know, 4 besides those two? 4 that it's made fresh basically. You get the A Now. Prince -- we switched our vet to 5 opinion that it's fresh and all good, not anything Odyssey Clinic, which is a mile from our house. 6 6 else in it. So --And our vet, Jesse Sondel, was -- he does all of 7 7 The information that you read was only on the the -- all of the -- I don't want to call it 8 Champion packaging, correct? prenatal. I -- it -- for the puppies. He's --9 he's for our breeder. He does all of the 10 A Yes. 10 11 Q Have you ever read any Champion brochures? artificial insemination and all of that stuff. So 11 12 A I don't believe so, no. I don't think I've even he works really close with our breeder. 12 seen a Champion brochure. 13 Q Has Jesse ever recommended pet food for you? 14 Q Have you ever read any other print materials from 14 A No. 15 Q Have you ever asked Jesse for his opinion on pet Champion? 16 A No. 16 17 Q Have you ever attended a dog food trade show? 17 A I don't believe so, no. 18 A Dog food trade show? No. 18 Q How about the UW veterinarians? 19 Q Okay. How many times approximately do you think 19 A No. you've visited the Acana or Orijen website? 20 Q Have they ever recommended pet food? 21 A Once, twice at the very most. 21 A No. 22 Q And when did you visit those? 22 Q Have you asked them anything about --23 A Just recently. Like I said, I -- I was just on it 23 A No. yesterday. 24 -- Champion's dog food? 24 Q 25 O Okay. So which Champion dog food diets did you 25 A No. Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 44 Page 42 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 purchase for your dogs? 1 Q Had Odyssey Clinic given any recommendations for 2 A Six Fish. Two of them were on that, and then Jack dog food? 2 was on -- I want to -- I get confused if it was 3 3 A No. bison or it was a beef -- it was a meat, because 4 O Besides the recommendation of your breeder, were 4 we couldn't do poultry or fish for him. So we any other factors important to you when you 5 5 went to another. decided to buy Orijen? 6 6 MS. BACA: I'd like to mark this as 7 A We would look at the label and try to decipher 7 through the chemical names what was in it, of 8 Exhibit 2. 8 (Exhibit No. 2 marked for course, and we would look at the crude fat, 9 9 whatever, things like that just to see -- make identification.) 10 10 11 Q Mr. Weaver, do you recognize this document? sure that we were giving them good, healthy food. 11 You know, I was kind of -- you know, when you 12 A Yes. 12 13 Q Could you please familiarize yourself with it, and asked the questions about the chemicals earlier if 13 when you're ready, please turn to page 6. If you I knew what -- honestly, I don't search that 14 14 could turn your attention to the last sentence 15 stuff, but it kind of -- it brought me back to the 15 above the word Interrogatory Number 6. Does that memory of the commercial that was on TV recently 16 16 about water and when they had the water store in a refresh your memory as to which diets you 17 17 purchased for your dogs? big city and they had people come in, and the 18 18 guy's going, "This water is really good. It's got 19 A Where was it? Up here? Oh, yep. That's it. 19 an acceptable amount of lead in it." And people 20 Q Could you please read it for the record. 20 21 A "The Orijen Six Fish and Orijen Regional Red. are going, "Well, I'm not going to drink that." 21 22 O Do you recall purchasing any other Champion dog "Well, this one's got a little bit less, but it's 22 food diets beside those two you just mentioned? still" -- when you look at things for your dogs or 23 for yourself, if you don't know what's in there, 24 A No. 24 you're not going to not buy it. You know, you --25 Q Did you purchase any Acana diets? 25

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- 1 A Acana? No.
- 2 O So in total, to confirm, how many Champion dog food diets did you purchase?
- 4 A Names or how many bags? How many -- just those
- 5 two.
- 6 O How many diets.
- 7 A Those two.
- 8 Q Okay. When did you begin purchasing your Champion
- dog food? 9
- 10 A Probably a year -- like I said, after they were a
- puppy, that's when we began getting them into 11
- adult food. 12
- 13 Q So you purchased Jack in 2007, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did you begin purchasing Champion dog food
- in 2007? 16
- 17 A No. As I said earlier, you feed them puppy for a
- year. Then you feed them adult food. You wean 18
- them into adult food. 19
- Q Okay. So approximately what year do you think he 20
- began --21
- 22 A Approximately 2008.
- 23 Q Okay. And do you recall when you stopped
- purchasing Champion dog food? 24
- When they were -- both died of cancer.

- buy the smaller bag of the Regional Red because we
- only had one dog on that one. And you can't 2
- combine the receipts. You have to have of the one 3
- brand to get your free bag. So --4
- You're talking about the Mounds loyalty program?
- 6 A Yes.
- Okay. Do you recall how small the Regional Red 7
- bag was, how many pounds it was?
- A I don't recall the weight. It was next level 9
- down. We would buy the big bag of Orijen, and the 10 next bag down was the Regional Red.
- 11 Q Okay. How did you find out that Jack had a fish 12
- allergy? 13
- 14 A He was itching.
- 15 Q Did you take him to the vet?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 O What did the vet tell you?
- 18 A He -- he actually did an allergy -- what are they
  - called? A blood marker or whatever, and told us
- that he was allergic to poultry and allergic to 20
- fish. So then we put him on a more strict diet of 21
- beef, bison. 22
- 23 Q Did the veterinarian recommend the beef and bison?
- A He didn't recommend the food, no. He just told us
- not to feed him a fish base or poultry. 25

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  - 1 Q Do you recall around what year it was that you
  - figured this out? 2
  - A Probably that 2008. Sometime in late 2008. 3
  - Q If you began purchasing Champion dog food in 2008
  - and later that year you found out that Jack was
  - allergic, approximately how long do you expect
  - that Jack was eating Champion's Orijen Six Fish? 7
  - A Six Fish? Probably less than a year. Eight 8
  - months. 9
  - 10 Q How did you transition Jack from Six Fish to
  - Regional Red? 11
  - A Gave him a little bit of the Six and then a full 12
  - cup of the Regional Red. 13
  - 14 Q How long did that take?
  - 15 A Not -- a week maybe.
  - 16 Q Okay.
  - 17 A You're not as concerned when you're transitioning
  - from a food to a different food as you are with 1.8
  - puppy to the different food. 19
  - 20 Q Understood. How much did you spend on your larger
  - Six Fish bag? 21
  - 22 A I want to say it was 108 bucks.
  - 23 Q And how much did the Regional Red cost?
  - I'm going to guess 84.
  - 25 Q How many times do you think you were able to get a

- 1 Q Approximately what --
- 2 A Last year.
- 3 O -- month and year?
- A Last year, May. We threw it all away, and we bought new food.
- 6 Q May of 2018?
- 7 A Yes.
- Q So you stated that you threw away all of the dog
- food in May of 2018?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q How did you transition Prince Harry to the next
- food that he started eating? 12
- 13 A We would have transitioned by giving him a little bit of the other food and this new food that we
- switched him to --15
- 16 Q Okay.

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- 17 A -- for less than a week.
- 18 Q I'd like to discuss how frequently you purchased
- Champion dog food. How many bags did you buy per 19
- month? 20
- 21 A At least one bag of each per month. Probably
- every three weeks. 22 23 Q When you say, "one bag of each," do you mean one
- bag of Six Fish? 24 25 A Six Fish and one of the Regional Red. We would

Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 51 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 49 free bag from the Mounds loyalty program? the Red. 2 O What were the containers made of? If you did the math of three every three weeks, I would say -- and you had to buy 12. 36 weeks. зА Plastic. 3 Did you store your dog food in anything else --4 Q Three times 12. 36 weeks. 5 Q So you think every 36 weeks, you received one free 5 A -- besides the plastic? 6 Q bag? 6 Or the bag that they were in because they were --7 A 7 A Free bag. the plastic is not big enough to hold the whole 8 Q How many times a day did you feed your dogs? bag. So then we would roll down the bag, seal it, 9 Twice. and put it in next to it. 10 10 Q And about what time of day? What's your understanding for why Champion's 11 Q 11 A Every day. Every morning at 7:00 and at 4:00 in prices are set at what they're set at? 12 the afternoon. 12 Because of the quality and the expense that they 13 Q What was the amount that you fed your dogs? 13 A go through to make what we perceived as being 14 14 A A full cup. quality dog food. 15 Q During the time period that your dogs ate 15 What's the total amount you estimate you spent on Champion's dog food, did they exclusively eat 16 16 Champion's dog food? 17 Champion's dog food? 17 Wow. Α 18 18 A Yes. Q You can ballpark it. 19 19 Q Did you ever feed them human foods? MS. PETERSON: Objection, calls for 20 20 A No. speculation, but you can answer. 21 21 Q How about treats? A Well, I mean, it's a calculation. Again, if you They would have had treats. Specific -- specific 22 A figure 108 dollars times 12 times -- and then you 23 holistic treats, little teeny treats that --23 have to add in a couple extra -- probably 1,2-, training treats. We're very particular. They 24 24 \$1,400 for the Six Fish a year. would not get rawhide because there's a lot of 25 Page 52 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 50 1 Q Mm-hmm. arsenic in foreign rawhide that comes over. So we 2 A And the other one was probably 200, 300 hundred would never buy rawhide for them. less than that. So probably \$2,500 times eight 3 Q Do you remember brand of the holistic treats? 3 years. What's that? 20 grand? 4 A No, I don't. Q Where did you buy your Champion's dog food? 5 Q Were there any other treats beside the holistic A Mounds Pet Food in Fitchburg. And like I treats? mentioned earlier, when they would run out, we 7 A No. would have to find another Mounds to buy it at. 8 Q How often did you feed them treats? 9 Q Would you only purchase at Mounds? A When they were rewarded. When they would go 10 A Yes, because of the loyalty program. I -- if you outside to go to the bathroom, and they got a 10 can save a hundred bucks, it's worth it. treat when they came in. She would take some with 11 11 12 Q Is Mounds a small chain? when she goes to school. So -- to keep them 12 A They're a regional -- I want to say they have six motivated so that, "I'm going to do good so that I 13 13 or eight stores. 14 can have a treat." 14 Okay. And you never bought the dog food directly 15 Q 15 Q All right. from Champion, correct? When we walked them on the square, we would have 16 16 A 17 A No. some treats. 17 18 Q Did you ever do any internet purchases of --To confirm, once your dogs started consuming --18 Q 19 A No. besides Jack, when Jill and Harry started 19 -- Champion dog food? Is Mounds only a brick and consuming the Six Fish, did they ever alternate 20 20 mortar store? You can't purchase online? 21 any of their diets? 21 I honestly don't know. I've never -- we've never 22 A No. And we had containers -- separate containers purchased online from them. They may have one. I in that feeding station. It had a lid that opened 23 23 up, and we had separate containers that -- the don't know. 24 24 25 Q Did Mounds ever put Champion dog food on sale? Six Fish was in here, and other one was in here, 25

Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 55 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 53 They would tell us, "It's in Sun Prairie, or it's 1 A No, because of the loyalty program. And I in Middleton," and I would call up and say, "Hold know they will special order things, Mounds does, 2 a bag for me so I can come over and pick it up." for it, because we special ordered custom leather 3 collars and leads for all three of them. Q Okay. Have you talked to a Mounds employee about 4 5 Q Who in your household would purchase the Champion the Purina Focus? 5 A No. The employees are pretty much young kids. dog food? 6 They don't know anything. 7 A Either Susan or myself. 7 8 Q Did the Mounds employees talk to you about Orijen? 8 O Okay. 9 A Usually we're always together because you can take 9 A No. 10 Q Okay. When you said your wife did some research dogs in the store. The dogs go in. They meet 10 into the Purina Pro Plan Focus, what people. So we would take all three in at the same 11 11 considerations were going into the research? time, make it an event. 12 12 13 A I'm sure she just looked at the ingredients to see Do you have any friends or anyone else you know 13 O if what she knew of whether it was good food for that also buys Champion dog food? 14 14 them. 15 15 A No. 16 Q What makes a good food? 16 Q Okay. Do you recall approximately how much the A Looking at the nutritional guidelines that are on puppy food was? 17 18 A Price? the package. 18 Are you familiar with AAFCO? 19 Q Yes. 19 Q 20 A No. 20 A I -- no, it would be a guess -- a total guess if I 21 Q When you look at nutritional guidelines, do you 21 guessed at it. only look at what the bag is telling you? Okay. So when you stopped purchasing Champion dog 22 22 Q food around May 2018, when did you -- you started Yes. 60 percent of the things of the ingredients 23 A 23 you can't understand anyhow. making the switch to another dog food for -- for 24 24 Prince Harry, correct? 25 Q How much does your Purina food cost? 25 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 56 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 54 1 A Six -- 68, I think it is. 1 A Mm-hmm. 2 Q \$68? 2 Q And what dog food was that? 3 A We switched to Purina Focus Large Breed. 3 A Yeah. 4 O If I'm correct, there's a couple different lines 4 Q What size bag are you buying? that Purina has. Was there a specific one that 5 A 42, I think it is. 42 pounds. Q What is the main ingredient or protein source in you remember? Is it for sports or health or 6 the Purina food? sensitive --7 8 A I couldn't tell you right now. 8 A Pre -- no, it was Purina Focus Large Breed. Q Do you recall if it's a chicken based diet, beef 9 O And why did you pick this food? 10 A I would say because we researched a little bit to 10 11 A I would say it's more beef than it's chicken. find out what was a good food, and I think she may 11 12 Q Can you describe the food to me? Is it a dry have talked to a breeder in Massachusetts. 12 kibble? 13 O Do you recall what the breeder said? 14 A Yes. About that big. 14 A I think she recommended it. 15 O Okay. Is the food grain-free? 15 Q Do you recall anything specific that she said? 16 A I believe it is. 16 A No. 17 Q Have you or your wife ever talked to a Mounds 17 Q Was that a factor in your decision? 18 A I think it is, yes. employee about the dog foods that you have bought? 18 19 O And why? As far as what? 19 A 20 Q Have you asked them their opinion on --20 A Just that we wanted more protein for them so they could be stronger, and in our opinion, when you 21 21 A No. see grain, you think it's just filler. 22 Q -- Champion dog food? 23 Q Why did you stop buying Champion dog food? 23 A The only thing we would have asked is, "Okay. 24 A We had two dogs that died of cancer, and it cost You're out of it. When are you getting it in?" 24

me thousands of dollars.

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If they couldn't tell us, search the other stores.

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Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 59 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 57 1 O Why do you believe that Purina is different? 1 Q Did you believe that the food was the source of 2 A Because we had to give another -- I'm not going to your dog's illness? 2 give Orijen an opportunity to kill another dog. з A Yes. 3 So we changed just like anybody would do. 4 Q Why? Q Have you compared the nutritional value of the 5 A Because that's not in our line. We talked with Purina food to the Orijen? the breeder. He insisted he didn't have cancer in 6 his line, and he's -- basically, we kind of said, 7 A No. "It's got to be something they're eating. Throw 0 Do you know if the label on the Purina food 8 mentioned anything about heavy metals? that dog food away and get something different." 9 Did the veterinarians ever mention the foods as a I couldn't tell you. 10 Q 10 A Do you know if the Purina label mentioned anything cause? 11 12 A No. about BPA? 12 13 A I couldn't tell you. 13 Q Did you ask the veterinarians? 14 Q Was there anything on the packaging of the Purina 14 A I don't know if we did or not, to be honest with that led you to purchase it? you. We were going through a tough time at that 15 15 A Just the -- looking at the ingredients on the 16 16 packaging and the reading the recommendations. 17 Q Were tests ever run on the dog food? 17 Is Prince Harry eating anything else besides the 18 A No. 18 Q Q Did you search whether Purina's dog food has heavy Purina right now? 19 19 20 A No. 20 metals in it? 21 O How about the treats? 21 A No. I wouldn't think anybody would ever put heavy 22 A The same treat. metals in dog food. 22 23 Q Do you ever cook at home for Prince Harry? 23 Q Are you aware of a lawsuit in the Northern District of California called Lucido versus Nestle 24 A Cook for the dog? No. And we don't do any raw. 24 We would never do any raw or anything like that, Purina? 25 Page 60 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 58 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 other types of food, no. 2 Q Did you know that that lawsuit was suing Purina 2 O Why not? MS. PETERSON: Objection, because that has some heavy metals in the dog 3 3 food? 4 relevancy. 4 Q You can still answer the question. 5 A No, I did not. A Because we don't cook for the dogs. I mean, it's MS. PETERSON: Objection, irrelevant. hard enough to cook for us. 7 8 O Okay. Q Did you research whether Purina had BPA in its dog A Now, if they had a to-go restaurant for a dog, my food? 9 wife would probably say, "Hey, get a to-go dinner 10 10 A No. for the -- Prince Harry." 11 Q Did you research whether Purina has pentobarbital 11 12 Q So you mentioned your feeding station was custom in its food? 12 built? 13 A No. Why would anybody put that in a dog food? 13 14 Q Besides your breeder's recommendation, were there 14 A Mm-hmm. 15 Q The cylinder tubes, I imagine, that holds the any other recommendations or considerations that 15 kibble, is that made of plastic? led you to Purina? 16 16 The bin that we put the kibble in, the less -- the 17 17 A No. two smaller bins are underneath in there. Yes. 18 Q How do you believe the Purina differs from the 18 And when it comes out in the bowl --Champion dog food? 19 O 19 20 A No. 20 A We believe it's not going to make them sick and 21 O What's the bowl made of? die of cancer. 21 22 Q And why do you believe this? 22 A No. They're in bins. They've got a lid on it. We have a metal scoop, and we scoop it into their 23 A Because we had two dogs die of cancer, and they were eating that food specifically for their whole stainless dish. 24 24 25 life basically other than puppy. 25 Q Okay.

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1 A 2 3 4 5 6 7 Q 8 9 10 11 12 A 13 Q 14 A 15 Q 16 A 17 Q 18 A 19 20 Q	And my wife washes their dishes every night. I look at her. I say, "You know they're dogs?" She said, "They won't like to eat out of that." "Okay." So she puts the dishes in the dish washer, and she runs it every night and cleans it for them. That's great. Have you ever experienced any of the following issues in any of your Orijen diets that you have purchased? You can just answer yes or no. Any plastic ear tags? No. Any chunks of plastic pieces? No. Any piece of metal? No. Any hair? I if I did, I would say it was golden hair, but I no. Any mold? No. We  MS. PETERSON: Objection, relevance as to these issues were not in our complaint, but you can go ahead and answer.	question? Does it specifically say that heavy metals are in them? I mean, any breeder or any dog food, does it specifically say, "Ingredients" contains heavy metal," or do they hide it in another term. Q Sorry I A Or do you not want to answer? Q I have to ask the questions today. A Okay. That's fine. Do you believe heavy metals were added as an ingredient in Champion dog food? A I don't know how - if they're added, if they're not added, but you keep asking about BPA, phenobarbital (sic), and heavy metals; and I don't understand why that question would arise. Why would anybody put that in any food for a pet? Can you review the complaints before they were filed, Mr. Weaver? A Yes. And do you recall that you're suing because you believe heavy metals, BPA, and pentobarbital are
23 Q	This iniec.	
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1	Mice? No.	1 A I I have no idea. I'm not a chemist. I'm not
2 0		2 at your plant.
1	No.	3 Q How do you believe the BPA gets into the food?
4 C		<ul><li>4 A Same answer.</li><li>5 Q And how do you believe the pentobarbital gets in</li></ul>
	No.	6 the food?
	A glove? A No.	7 A Same answer.
	A No. O Any other foreign objects?	8 Q Why did you think heavy metals, BPA, or
	No.	9 pentobarbital is in the food?
10 (	Have you ever heard of anyone else who had a	10 A There's because that's I understand it's got
11	foreign object in their dog food?	to be something that's causing the cancer.
12 A	No. If I had a foreign object in the dog food, I	12 Q How did you first hear about heavy metals being in the food?
13	would question the reliability of the	
14	manufacturer, and I would stop buying from them.  Description:  But this never happened to you?	point of it getting into attorney/client
15 (	Never happened to me.	privilege as to certain yeah, as to
	Off the top of your head when you're looking at	discussions about the case and the nature of
18	the Champion Orijen bags, were there any	this case, but go ahead and answer.
19	statements on the bags that stood out to you when	en 19 A I honestly, I can't recall why.
20	you went to buy it?	20 Q So okay. What is pentobarbital? What's you understanding?
21 /	A Just that it was made of I thought, "Six Fish.	understanding? 22 A A euthanasia drug, something. I don't know. I'r
22	These Six Fish, and it's fresh daily." We were going, "Wow, that's why it's so expensive. Okay.	
23	It's got to be good for them."	24 Q Understood. All right. Let's look at some of th
24	So on the back of the label can I ask a	bags that you purchased, some images of the
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1 pac 2 3	ckaging. I'm going to MR. COULSON: Probably a good time for a break. MS. BACA: You want to do a break? Okay. We're going to take a break. Is that		ÀQ	Did I read that sentence correctly?  Correctly. This October date, I think, is wrong. So when we when we were discussing earlier, did you mean to say that you began purchasing the pet food in 2007, or what is the correct date?
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 Q I'd	all right?  THE WITNESS: Take a break.  MS. BACA: Thank you.  THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at 9:22.  (Recess taken.)  THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record at 9:29. d like to introduce another exhibit. This will Exhibit 3.	7 8 9	A Q	The end date would have been 2018, not 2017. It would have been Oct it wouldn't have been October. It would have been either April or May '18.  Okay. Can we go back to Exhibit 2. And if you could turn to page 5, please. I'm going to read the last sentence of the response to interrogatory number 4, which says, "Subject to the foregoing objections, Plaintiff states that he fed Champion dog food to his dogs beginning in January 2007
16 17 18 Q Pl 19 An 20 A Ol 21 Q No 22 sec 23 an	(Exhibit No. 3 marked for identification.) lease take your time to look over the document. In please let me know when you're ready. It is what you have reviewed all 75 pages of the cond amended complaint, does this appear to be accurate copy?  Yes.  MS. PETERSON: Objection to the	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Q A Q A Q	interrogatories. This document? Yes. Is that your signature, Mr. Weaver? Yes, it is. Attesting to the truth of the answers
1 2 3 Q D 4 wa 5 A Y 6 Q D 7 it 8 A Y 9 Q A 10 be 11 A (1 12 Q I') 13 ye 14 If 15 an 16 re 17 I'v 18 19 do 20 be 10 be 11 A (2 Q B)	oid you review the first amended complaint before was filed?	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A Q A A Q	MS. PETERSON: I would say put the complaint in front of him, and he'll see. He he's not a lawyer. He's not going to MS. BACA: Mm-hmm MS. PETERSON: probably understand that question. So are you testifying today, Mr. Weaver, that the sworn information in your interrogatory answers were incorrect?
22 in 23 A V 24 Q I	n Fitchburg, Wisconsin." What page are you reading from? I'm on page 10 in paragraph 20. Oh, down here? Okay.	22 23 24 25	4 (	on, correct.

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1 A I'm going to say April/May 2018. 2 MS. PETERSON: Objection, asked and	1 Q Mr. Weaver, what led you to hiring counsel to file 2 this lawsuit?
answer, and he said he's unclear.	3 A When we started searching after the dog the
4 Q So, Mr. Weaver, we've we would like to get some	dogs died or thereabout before that when they died
5 information from Mounds Pet Food, and one of the	of the cancer, we started looking online and saw
6 things that they've asked for us to confirm	an action. So then we contacted them.
7 whether it was your purchases were the last four	7 Q You started looking for what specifically? What
8 digits of your credit card. Could you provide	8 searches were you looking for?
9 those to us, and we will mark this as	9 A Looking for the food to see if there was searches
10 confidential?	on bad food possibly for Champion Orijen Six Fish.
11 A Of my credit card? Sure.	11 Q Okay. And
12 Q Yes.	12 A And Regional Red.
MR. COULSON: Yeah. We can do that	13 Q And these searches led you to Ms. Peterson?
through Counsel.	14 A Yes.
MS. BACA: Through Counsel.	15 Q Beside your online searches, were there any other
MS. PETERSON: Yeah, that's fine.	word of mouth or any other information?
MR. COULSON: And it could be his	17 A No.
wife's credit card for all we know. Whatever	18 Q Okay. All right. I'd like to intro do you
credit cards were used to make the purchase	remember the date that you brought Jill to the
at Mounds. Mounds requires last four digits	20 emergency room because of her cancer?
to search in their system.	21 A The exact date, I couldn't April I can get
MS. PETERSON: Well, and they're	it for you. I can't recall the exact date.
likely a joined account, credit cards. And I	23 Q Okay. That's all right. All right. I'd like to
will say that both counsel cannot be taking	mark an exhibit as Exhibit 4. This is an image of
25 the deposition here.	the Regional Red dog food that you had purchased
MR. COULSON: I'm not asking questions. I'm just trying to MS. PETERSON: You're directing her with questions.  Mr. Weaver, are you purchasing your Purina dog food also at Mounds?  A No.  Where are you	7 A That was a misstatement. This was for Jack. It 8 was not for Prince Harry.
9 A Not always. I shouldn't say that. Sometimes we	9 Q Oh, thank you. Thank you for correcting that.  10 There you go, Mr. Weaver. Does this bag look
10 do; sometimes we don't.	t ti t t l avanahagad?
11 Q When you are not purchasing the Purina at Mounds,	
were you purchasing it?	12 A Yep.  13 Q I'd like to direct your attention to the top left
13 A PetSmart.	
14 Q Are you purchasing at a brick and mortar PetSmart	thorea that cave
15 or online?	up I is the material intended !! Do you see that?
16 A Brick and mortar.	16 "Nourish as nature intended. Do you see that:
17 Q Are those only two locations?	18 Q What does that phrase mean to you?
18 A Yes.	
19 Q Which PetSmart location are you purchasing from?	20 food for the dog.
20 A West Madison.	21 Q Is this something that you read before you
21 Q Is that the only PetSmart that you have gone to?	22 purchased the dog food?
22 A Yes. 23 Q Are you going to only the Mounds Fitchburg, or ar	D'I
' to a supply of the stores'	I read each word and memorize it? No, but
a my at all the standard I go to now	25 Q Do you have any basis to dispute that the dog
25 A That's the only store that I go to now.	

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June 19, 2019 Champion Pet Foods USA, et al. Page 79 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 77 trusted them. 1 A Yep. 2 Q Do you believe otherwise at this moment? 2 Q Did you review the concept of whole prey? Did you 3 see that before you purchased the dog food? 3 A At this moment, yes. I wouldn't have gotten that precise, no. I looked 4 Q Why? 5 A Because I feel that it created the cancer that at things like "biologically appropriate dog food" 5 and that it's fresh and, I mean, all the little killed my two dogs. 6 6 niche words, "kitchens." So I think of a person Q Do you have any reason to believe it created the 7 cancer other than your own gut opinion? with a little chef's hat on in a kitchen, not --8 not a factory slopping whatever through it. So --9 I have not got actual medical proof, no. Α 9 Q Okay. I'm going to introduce an exhibit, 6. Do you have any reason to think that the food or 10 O (Exhibit No. 6 marked for the ingredients to make the Orijen food were not 11 11 identification.) 12 12 13 A Do I have? No. It's telling me that everything O Does this look like another iteration of the 13 Six Fish diets that you purchased? is fresh. 14 1.4 15 Q Do you believe otherwise? 15 Yes. Α 16 A I didn't believe otherwise, no. Q Okay. So I'd like to -- where's my -- did I --16 17 Q How about now after your experience purchasing MS. PETERSON: Exhibit 6? Is that 17 what's on the -it --18 18 MS. BACA: Did I accidentally give 19 A Yes. 19 you my copy? It's marked at the --20 Q -- for ten years? 20 MS. PETERSON: Oh, yeah. Did she 21 A Now even after listening to you talk about 21 13 pounds and 11 pounds of fresh -- okay. In my 22 give you two? 22 mind, what's the other two pounds? You know, THE WITNESS: No. 23 23 MS. PETERSON: If you need this, so --24 24 25 Q So why don't you think the food is fresh? 25 you can have it. I just -- I can share with Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 80 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 78 him, but I did already write "6" on the 1 A Because it's -- first of all, you've got two 1 corner. pounds of something that's not fresh in there, and 2 I didn't even notice that on the package before. MS. BACA: That's all right. I'll 3 3 give it back to you. I'm sorry. I must have 4 4 Q Okay. MS. PETERSON: Objection to the lost my copy. 5 5 Okay. I'd like to correct your attention to the point also that Six Fish pack -- packaging 6 O 6 changed throughout the years, and he bought second page, please. At the very top, it says, 7 7 the pet food for over ten years. So this may 8 8 not be the exact package that he saw when 9 A Yes. 9 10 10

purchasing the food.

THE WITNESS: That is true, because 11 this is more of an updated package. I'm sure 12

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14 Q Okay. Let's turn to the front of this bag. Right in the dead middle, it says, "Biologically 15

appropriate." How do you define biologically 16

17 appropriate?

Means that it's good, healthy food for my dogs. 18 A

It's made with only six fish. I was told that 19 there are specific times of the year that they 20

can't even get all six fish, so they stop 21

producing it. 22

23 Q Is there any reason for you to think that the food

is not biologically appropriate? 24

25 A No, because it's telling me that it is, and I

"Biologically appropriate food." Do you see that?

Q And does it say, "Here at Champion, our mission is clear and strong. We make biologically 11

appropriate dog and cat foods." 12

Did I read that correctly?

14 A That's what it says.

Q Okay. Is there any reason to think that this mission was not accomplished at Champion dog food? 16

Since the death of my two dogs, in my opinion, 17

there is. 18 19 O Okay.

20 A And this the actual back of the package? I would

have never -- never read that much information in 21

my life. So --

23 Q Okay. Let's go back to what was marked as

Exhibit 4, which is the Regional Red. And let's 24

go back to the five little icon logos on the --25

Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 83 Page 81 1 A Yes. 1 A When it's made within a certain geographical 2 Q -- bottom. Do you see the one all the way on the region, and the product or ingredients are sourced far left that says "BA"? 3 regionally. 3 4 Q Is New England regional to you? 4 A Yes. 5 Q And underneath it, it says, "Biologically 5 A New England? Yes. appropriate. Protein-rich, carbohydrate limited." MS. PETERSON: Just to clarify, are 6 you saying to Wisconsin or to Did I read that correctly? 7 DogStar Kitchens? 8 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. Let's ask both. Is New England regional to 9 Q And did you review this phrase before purchasing? 9 10 A I would say, no, I didn't get into that fine Wisconsin? 10 11 A Regional to Wisconsin? No. 12 Q Was food that was high in protein and low in carb 12 Q Is it regional to Champion's DogStar Kitchen in Kentucky? something that you were interested in purchasing? 13 We looked for protein. Carbs doesn't bother me. 14 A I would say, no, because it's -- Kentucky isn't in 14 A the same region as New England. "Biologically appropriate" is the click word that 15 15 16 Q And at your first gut, you did say that it was made me think that this is good, nutritional food. 16 regional. Why did you think at first it was 17 Q Okay. How about the ingredient panel on the 17 second page? Did you also review the ingredients regional? 18 18 before you bought the food? 19 A Because it's a region of the country. 19 20 Q Okay. So does it meet your definition of 20 A I reviewed it, but I wouldn't have -- no, you -- I regional? don't -- any chemical names -- this don't have any 21 21 22 A It's a -- New England is a region of the country. chemicals in it. So I don't know -- you know, I 22 Yes, my definition would be that it's a region of reviewed the ingredients, yes. 23 23 24 Q Sorry. Can you clarify. What doesn't have the country. 24 chemicals in it? 25 Q Okay. Let's read a sentence on the front of this 25 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 82 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 84 1 A Well, I guess I -- the way food is nowadays and bag. It's in a -- a black area underneath this 1 pet food, they have other things that are in the red rectangle. It says, "New England's vast 2 mix that I don't understand how they get in there. Atlantic waters are source of inspirational -- or 3 3 a source of inspiration, excuse me, and fresh, So if this is exactly what's in the bag, that's 4 4 regional fish." what you're telling me is exactly in the bag. 5 6 Q Can you please clarify whether you read the 6 A Okay. ingredient panel before purchasing the food? 7 Q Did you read that before you bought the bag? 8 A I wouldn't have read it totally, no. 8 A We knew that it was sourced in New England and the fish were from that area, yes. 9 Q Okay. And I -- I know I asked you earlier, but you said -- to confirm, you're not aware of the And did you take issue with the fact that it was 10 Q 10 American Association of Feed Control Officials, sourced in New England? 11 11 which stands for the AAFCO? 12 A 12 13 A No. I don't know who that is. Never heard of it. 13 O Did you like that it was sourced in New England? 14 O Are you familiar with any definitions or defined 14 A Yes. terms for ingredients or on packaging? 15 O Why? 15 16 A Because it's fresh. That's where the fish are. 16 A No. If they came to me and said, "We sourced our fish 17 Q Okay. Did you read below the ingredient panel the 17 guaranteed analysis discussing the percentages of in Kentucky next to our kitchen," I would say, 18 18 "You got carp or something in there. You don't fat and protein? 19 19 have fresh New England fish." 20 A We would have looked at that, yes. 20 21 Q And how about underneath that, caloric content? 21 Q That makes sense. Is the Atlantic, in your 22 A Probably not getting down into that. 22 opinion, the most regional ocean to the Kentucky

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kitchen?

24 A I suppose it would be. It's closest.

25 Q Okay. So let's turn to the back of the bag. On

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23 O Okay. So let's go back to Exhibit 5, which is the

Six Fish. What does the phrase -- when is

something regional?

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Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 85 1 A Yep. the top right-hand side, you're going to see three little icons, and I'm looking for one that kind of 2 3 looks like a little house. 3 ingredients minimally processed at lower 4 4 A Okay. 5 Q Underneath it, it says, "Never outsourced." Do 5 6 you see where I'm looking at? our foods." Did I read that correctly? 7 Yes. 7 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. I'm going to read a sentence now. It says, 8 A "Prepared exclusively in our DogStar Kitchens. We the dog food? don't make foods for other companies, and we don't 10 10 allow our foods to be made by anyone else." 11 A 11 maybe not down to that smaller print. 12 Did I read that correctly? 12 13 A You read it correctly. implied that its finished kibble is fit for humans 14 Q Did you review this area of the bag before you 14 to eat? 15 bought the food? 15 16 16 A Probably not. issue in this case. 17 17 Q Okay. And what does the concept of "never" 18 outsourced" mean to you? 19 A It means that they make it themselves, and they 19 finished -- correct. don't make it -- have somebody else make it for 20 21 Q It's talking about the fish; is that what you're them in a big mill somewhere. saying? Q Do you think this phrase applies to the finished 22 food product? 24 24 A Yes. 25 Q Is the fact that the food is not outsourced Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 86 lot of square footage of this bag, is the bag 1 important to you? 2 A I want the people that say they're producing it 3 A I don't see that on here, no. produce it, yes. 4 Q Is the bag saying anywhere that it's BPA-free? Q Do you have any reason to believe that Champion 4 A No. did outsource its food product? 6 Q Does the bag anywhere say that it is toxin-free? 6 A I have no idea. Doesn't say that on their 7 A No. 7 packaging. 8 Q Okay. 8 Q Okay. Let's move now to -- a little bit to the left. I'm looking at the last sentence of a 9 all that stuff in it, but I'm not a biologist. larger paragraph here on the top. 10 10 11 A Okay. our environment? 12 Q And it says that, "Prepared exclusively in our 12 Kentucky DogStar Kitchens. Award-winning Orijen 13 A Yes. 13 14 Q And how did you learn that? is guaranteed to keep your dog healthy, happy, and 14 15 A Just -- I don't know. Reading it somewhere. strong." Did you review that before purposing? 15 16 A I'm sure I would have read that. 16 Q 17 Q And does "happy, healthy, strong" mean something 17 is still natural? to you, or is it important to you at all? 18 18 19 19 A Of course. 20 Q So let's go down now to the very bottom. It's 20 21 Q In your lawsuit, are you saying that Champion has going to be to the right of that whole price 21 added metals to its dog food? section we already talked about. 22 22 23 A Okay. saying that it's biologically sourced and that 24

2 Q So I'm going to read a sentence now. It says,

"Orijen features fresh, raw, or dehydrated fish

temperatures from wild-caught fish that are deemed

fit for human consumption prior to inclusion in

9 Q Did you read that paragraph before you purchased

I would have probably read the bigger lettering,

Okay. Is Champion -- had Champion anywhere

MS. PETERSON: Objection. Not at

A If I would have read this, it says, "Fit for --

deemed fit for human consumption." It doesn't say

23 A Correct, but your still looking at and it saying,

"Geez, this is good stuff. It's fit for humans.

25 Q Does the bag -- now that I think we've gone over a

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24 Q And it's a little rectangle here that starts with

a logo, RF. 25

saying anywhere that the food is heavy metal-free?

A In my opinion, fresh sourced product wouldn't have

Are you aware that heavy metals occur naturally in

So if you agree that heavy metals occur naturally,

is your -- is it your opinion that Champion's food

A I thought it was natural, and that's the way I --

that's why we bought this product for our dogs.

23 A I guess my whole thing is that if a producer is

it's appropriate for my dog, that they would have 25

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25 A Because it's not an appropriate biologically thing

Q Is your position that there should be not even one

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for my dogs or for me as a person; and again, I feed my dogs what we think is the best.	1 A The squeaker would be plastic, but it's inside the 2 toy, and if the toy is compromised, they get
3 Q Is it your understanding that pentobarbital is	3 thrown in the trash.
4 present in every Champion pet food diet?	4 Q What is the outside of the toy that has the
5 A I haven't I have no information about all your	5 squeaker in it?
other pet food. I'm only concerned about the two	6 A Cloth and rope. Firehose-type rope. We don't
7 that I fed my dogs.	7 we don't do rawhide. We don't do rubber, things 8 like that.
8 Q Do you believe that pentobarbital was in the	
9 Six Fish and the Regional Red?	<ul><li>9 Q So your dog bowl is made out of stainless steel?</li><li>10 A Correct.</li></ul>
10 A Yes.	11 Q What is your scooper?
11 Q What are your views on the FDA?  12 A The FDA? I would say the FDA is	12 A Stainless steel.
A CO DESCRIPTION OF A CASE	13 Q Okay.
	14 A And they get washed regularly, as I mentioned
relevancy, but go ahead.  15 A I would say the FDA is a good body that should be	15 earlier.
sourcing or identifying problem areas.	MS. BACA: Okay. Let's take a
17 Q If the FDA made a decision that a food doesn't	break, if you don't mind. Is that all right?
need to be recalled, would you trust that	18 MS. PETERSON: Sure. Five minutes?
19 decision?	MS. BACA: Yeah.
20 A If the DFA says it doesn't need to be recalled?	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
No, probably not. I would want to do more check	21 record at 10:12.
22 into it.	(Recess taken.)
23 Q What additional checking into it would you do?	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on
24 A I would probably go on the internet, start	the record at 10:22.
sourcing and seeing what other people are saying	25 Q Mr. Weaver, could you explain or you got
The state of the s	Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 96
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1 about it.	1 confirmation while we were on break. Could you
2 Q Whose opinion would you value over the FDA?	2 please tell us the date that Jill passed.
3 A Other organizations, professionals. I would want	3 A Jill passed on April 30th at 1:45 in the morning.
4 to see what people say.	4 Jack passed at on May 24th at 1:00 in the
5 Q Could you name some organizations?	5 afternoon.
6 A No.	6 Q Did you switch off of your dogs off of Orijen
7 Q Could you name some professionals?	7 after the April death of your dog?
8 A No.	8 A That's what I believe was the date, was April or
9 Q If a highly sophisticated instrument could not	9 May. 10 Q I know I asked you the names of some of your
detect the presence of the pentobarbital, would	
you think that that food is safe?  MS. PETERSON: Objection.	veterinarians, but could you provide me with the name of the ER hospital that you took Jill to that
	night?
13 A If they told me it wasn't in there, then I would 14 agree with them, but I don't know what a highly	14 A I think it's called Emergency ER. It's on the
15 sensitive instrument is, no.	15 Beltline here.
16 Q Do your dogs have any chew toys?	16 Q If you could tell us where it's located, that
17 A Chew toys? Yes.	would be helpful.
18 Q What are they made out of?	MS. PETERSON: We can provide that
19 MS. PETERSON: Objection,	19 to you later
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Page 103 Page 101 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 1 Q Okay. Earlier, you mentioned that you hoped that 1 A Yes. Champion could put a disclosure on its bag. What MS. PETERSON: I'm going to object 2 2 would you want it to say? to this line of questioning for relevancy, 3 3 I'm just saying that you should talk about but you can go ahead and answer. 4 testing, and if -- if you guys find any product Did you review the ingredient panel that's on the 5 that's manmade, environmental in your food that's second page of this document before you purchased 6 6 not good for an animal and you state that it's fit the dog food? 7 7 for human consumption, well, you certainly Probably the same as we did for the first one, 8 8 wouldn't be putting it in human food. So that's 9 9 my whole feeling on it. I mean, be -- be upfront Do these ingredients look like the ingredients 1.0 10 and truthful, but first of all, don't -- if you that are in Prince Harry's food right now? 11 11 test, which you said they test regularly, and you I'm taking you at your word. 12 12 A find it, find out what the source is and eliminate 13 13 Q Okay. the source so that it's not in there. 14 A I don't have the bag in front of me. 14 O Is it your understanding that human foods don't 15 Q Were you aware -- or are you aware that Champion 15 have heavy metals or other contaminants? has two facilities where they produce their dog 16 16 That's my understanding. food; one in Canada and one in Kentucky? 17 A 17 18 Q Human -- all types of human food? I was under the understanding that Canada was not 18 A I'm not saying -- I'm not saying all. I -- I producing anymore, that it was moved to -- to the 19 don't know of any heavy metal in food. You know, 20 United States. 20 or -- or water, whatever. 21 O To see if I understand you correctly, is it your 21 22 O You mentioned lead in water? understanding that the food that Champion is 22 23 A From that commercial that I saw on TV. circulating now within the U.S. is only made in 23 24 Q Do you think --Kentucky? 24 25 A Which is --In my understanding, correct. 25 A Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 104 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 102 1 O -- the commercial's fake? 1 Q Okay. A Do I think the commercial's fake? No. No. And 2 A And they -- they stopped doing the vacuum sealing. I'll be honest with you, in Madison, they have 3 Q When did you become aware that the dog food being 3 wells that they have to shut down because they sold in the U.S. moved from being produced in 4 4 have things that are in the wells. So they shut Canada to -- to Kentucky? 5 5 them down when it's in there, or they tell people 6 A I couldn't tell you the exact date. 6 in the community, you know, to boil your water or Q Did you become aware of a difference in the 7 7 sealing of the bags during the time that you were silly things like, when we go out to dinner, if 8 8 we're eating in Madison and we have water, we purchasing the Orijen? 9 10 A Yes. They stopped doing the vac sealing. asked for lemons because lemons will help -- the 10 acid in the lemon will help clean out the water. 11 Q Around when? Do you remember? 11 At what point do you think that an advisory goes 12 A No, I don't recall. Just a couple years ago. I 12 out that says, "Boil your water, or the water is 13 13 no longer safe"? 14 Q If I could ballpark it, do you feel like you went 14 through a few years of purchasing where it wasn't When it's contaminated. 15 15 And at what point does something become vacuum sealed? 16 contaminated? 17 A I would say a few years. 17 Okay. Did the fact that it was no longer vacuum 18 Α When --18 sealed affect your purchasing decision or MS. PETERSON: Objection, calls for 19 19 expert opinion. 20 anything? 20 When people -- in my opinion when people start 21 A A little. A little, but she was set on that food. 21 getting sick and they have problems. So we didn't want to make a change. 22 22 Do you think that --23 O 23 Q Okay. Kind of like in Michigan with the problem with the 24 A I don't -- honestly, I don't think there's another 24 lead that was in the water. Flint, I guess that

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June 19, 2019 Champion Pet Foods USA, et al. Page 111 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 109 companies? And she told Marvin, "You better get back 1 here. The cops are coming." Well, they gave him 2 A No. 2 Have you ever been a class representative before? a ticket for hit and run and damage to property. 3 Q 3 A what? Α So then he kept telling me, "I'll fix it. I'll 4 A class representative before. pay first time. Get me an estimate." I said, 5 O 5 "Okay. I'll get an estimate." And I said, "I 6 A No. 6 This was your first time? know three shops that do reputable work. I'll get 7 Q 7 8 A Yes. the cheapest one for you, \$1,453," and Marvin 8 9 Q Do you know someone who has been a class said, "No." He said, "Get me two more estimates." 9 representative before? I said, "Marvin, don't do this to me." I 10 10 11 A No. said, "I don't have time to mess around with 11 12 Q How did you become aware that a class action is a this." I got two more estimates. I sent them to 12 method that you could use? him. He came back and said, "I can't do anything 13 13 14 A We just -- again, we've stated it several times until my court case is heard in Fitchburg," and I 14 this morning that when we started looking into the said, "First of all, that doesn't have any bearing 15 pet food, we saw this action. on making restitution for the damage that you 16 16 agreed to pay in front of the police officer," and 17 Q Okay. 17 18 A And we contacted them. he said, "No, I can't do it." 18 19 O Is that your extent with the legal field? Well, then his past -- that date passed, and 19 20 A Yeah. I called him up, and I said, "Okay. Your court 20 date's passed." And he goes, "No, the City 21 O Okay. 21 attorney was out because she's on maternity 22 A My stepfather was an attorney. 22 leave." So we got an extension. So I called the 23 Q Okay. 23 24 A But he passed 30 years ago. City attorney, and I said, "Does one thing have 24 25 Q Do you have any other lawyers in your family? anything to do with the other?" And he goes, 25 Page 112 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 110 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 1 A No. "Absolutely not. He should make restitution. 1 2 Q What do you understand your role to be in this That'll help in his case." 2 class action lawsuit? And I texted him and said, "Marvin, you need 3 4 A Providing information and following up on this to make restitution now before you go to your next 4 to -- to find out what happened so that it doesn't case so you can prove to them, 'Here, I settled up 5 happen to other people. with Mr. Weaver. I apologized, blah, blah, 6 6 O And do you understand that you are supposed to act blah." And he sent me back a few explic --7 7 to represent people that are similarly situated as explicit texts back and said, "I'm waiting until 8 8 you? 9 the case -- the court case." 9 10 A Yes. So then I said, "Fine. I'll start a small 10 Q Do you feel like you have any duties towards the claims action." So I started a small claims 11 11 other people in your class? action. And that's proceeding right now, and we 12 12 Sure. I mean, it -- they're pet owners that loved had to have it served to him like you do, and so 13 13 their pets. I'm a pet owner that loved my pet, 14 we went to the Dane County Police. They went and 14 and if I can prevent someone else's heartache, I served him, and I called the lady because I said, 15 15 would do it in a heartbeat. "Can you tell me when you served him?" She said, 16 16

are a dickhead." So that's my -- my extent of the 19 legal process. So now I'm waiting. 20 21 Q Have you hired a counsel to help in that?

22 A No. No, I wouldn't.

23 Q Have you been in any other small claims issues?

"8:52 in the morning today." I said, "Yeah, I got

a text at 8:58, "You" -- in capital letters, "You

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25 Q Have you been in any matters with insurance

17 Q What do you understand your claims to be against Champion? 18

A I understand the claims to be that there's product 19 in here that shouldn't be in the food that causes 20

the problem that my dogs had. 21

22 O And what are you asking for?

23 A I --

MS. PETERSON: Objection, vague. 24

25 Q What are you hoping that the outcome of your

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grandpa is the number one golden in the country, and we paid dearly for her. Paid three times what we paid for the other ones from the other breeder.  Q Is there a reason you didn't want to use the same breeder? A What's that?  Q Was there a reason you didn't want to use the same breeder as the others? A Just we just decided to use a different breeder.  Q Okay. What is Madison eating? A Same food.  A The Pro Plan.  Purina Pro Plan? And before that, do you recall? A Puppy food.  Puppy food.  Puppy food.  Puppy food.  Puppy food.  In fact, it was. I know it was. It's a much smaller kibble.  MS. BACA: Okay. Can we take a break?  MS. PETERSON: Mm-hmm.	that this comes on regularly?  MS. PETERSON: Objection,  relevance.  A Honestly, I don't I couldn't tell you what  channel it was on. It's just a commercial. And  it's actually I think it's for Brita or one of  those water companies, I think. I honestly  couldn't tell you.  Q Okay.  A I guess they didn't get their point across other  than the fact that lead is not good for anybody in  any type.  Q Okay. So you think that it's a a water filter  company's commercial?  A I think it was.  Q Okay. And this was you saw it two years ago,  or you've been seeing it regularly for the last  two years?  A I haven't seen it recently. So maybe they stopped  it.  Q Okay. All right. I want to bring out one more  bag that I did not introduce yet into this will  be Exhibit 8.  (Exhibit No. 8 marked for
MS. BACA: All right. I think	25 identification.)
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we're just about done.  MR. COULSON: Take a little bit  longer, at least ten minutes. We just want  to check notes and stuff, but we're  99 percent  MS. BACA: Like I said, we're done.  MR. COULSON: finished probably.  MS. PETERSON: Okay. I won't  even okay. So 10 minutes okay.  THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the  record at 10:48.  (Recess taken.)	MS. BACA: Sorry. Can I take this off? THE REPORTER: Yeah. It peels off easy. Q Mr. Weaver, does this look like some of the diet bags of Regional Red that you would have bought for Jack? A Yes. Q Okay. And based on this bag, it looks like it was made in Canada, correct? A Yep. MS. PETERSON: I think you're
(Recess taken.)  THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on	looking at the other one.
the record at 11:01.	14 THE WITNESS: I was just trying
15 Q Mr. Weaver, I just want to ask you a couple of	15 to
questions about that lead and water commercial	MS. PETERSON: Oh, I'm sorry.
that you have brought up a couple times.  18 A Okay.	Yeah.  THE WITNESS: compare the two.
18 A Okay.  19 Q When did you see that?	19 Q So besides the difference in the vacuum the
20 A It's probably been on the last two years,	vacuum sealed bag, were there any other
21 three years.	21 differences that you might have noticed or that
22 Q What channel is that on?	22 affected you?
MS. PETERSON: Objection.	23 A Didn't notice at the time, no.
24 A I couldn't tell you what channel. 25 Q Like, what time of night? What are you watching	24 Q Did your dog have any issue transitioning from the food that was produced in Canada to the food that
23 & Dive, what time of hight. What are you watering	200 mar map produced in canada to the root that

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1	was produced in Kentucky?	1	0	Anything else?
2 A			-	We have a pontoon boat. We take the dogs on the
	At any point in time did Jill or Prince Harry eat	3	, .	pontoon when we go out.
4	the Regional Red?	4	0	Where do you go? Like, a lake?
5 A	_			Yeah. There's lakes around here. Yes.
				All right. Are there any answers you've given me
	They only ate Six Fish? Six Fish.	7	V	today that you would like to change?
7 A		8	Α	(No audible response.)
8 Q	Okay.		А	
1	Jill had a real flowing coat, and that's so we	9		MS. BACA: Okay. At this time I'm
10	attributed it to the Six Fish.	10		done with my questions, Rebecca.
	When we were going over some of the different	11		MS. PETERSON: Okay. I have a few
12	statements and areas of the bags earlier, you	12		that I just want to
13	mentioned that you read the ingredient panel and	13		MS. BACA: Sure.
14	the guaranteed analysis, correct?	14		MS. PETERSON: clean up. And
15 A		15		that it goes to the
16	MS. PETERSON: Objection, misstates	16	Б	EXAMINATION
17	the testimony the exact testimony. He	17		By Ms. Peterson:
18	said he he read some of the ingredient	18	Q	Mr. Weaver, I know that last winter into the
19	panel.	19		spring was a hard time, and it was a while ago,
20 Q	Mr. Weaver, did you read some of the ingredient	20		but I believe you are you testified earlier
21	panel?	21		that you were uncertain on the last date you
22 A		22		bought Orijen dog food, but you thought it was
	And why did that draw your attention more than	23		either in April or May; is that correct?
24	other areas of the bag?			Correct.
25 A	To see what the percentages were in the food	25	Q	Okay. And if I refresh your memory that the first
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1	versus trying to understand what this whole thing	1		time you contacted me regarding seeing the lawsuit
2	is. That's ridiculous.	2		in California, it was in April of 2018?
3 Q	Do you see the guarantee analysis on our	3	A	Correct.
	Exhibit 8? It's on the right-hand side.	4	Q	Okay. And at that point, we then added you to the
1	Yes.	5		amended complaint that we filed in California as a
6 Q	It's a square. What about the guaranteed analysis	6		named class rep. Do you recall that?
7	was important to you?	7	A	Yes.
8 A	I would be looking at what the percentages are to	8	Q	Okay. And that was filed on April 19th, 2018.
	make sure that it wasn't heavy weighted one way or	9		And you would not have purchased Orijen pet food
10	the other, and the omegas for for their coats.	10		products after you contacted me, correct?
11 Q	Can you explain what "heavy weighted one way or	11	A	Correct.
12	another" means?	12	Q	Okay.
	Well, it's pretty much even, and there's		-	I specifically remember even the bags in the in
14	nothing like the crude fiber. We have specific	14		the feeding station that we threw them away
15	levels that we were looking for and the fat so	15		because we were at first I I think I may
16	that it wasn't too fat for them, because we didn't	16		have said, "Should we donate them to the
17	want them to gain weight.	17		Humane Society," and Sue said, "Why?" I said,
	Okay. So we talked about some of your hobbies	18		"Okay. Throw them away." So I threw them away.
19	earlier. You mentioned your dogs are your	19	Q	
20	hobbies?	20	-	bit about AAFCO, which has been raised a couple
21 A	Mm-hmm.	21		times. That's AAFCO's nothing that you as a
22 Q	Do you have any other hobbies? Do you hunt?	22		consumer understand what it is, correct?
23 A		23	A	I have no idea, no.
24 Q	Do you fish?	24		And you've never seen the actual AAFCO official
25 A	No. We boat.	25		publication
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Page 127 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 125 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 1 A No. 1 A No. 2 Q And for heavy metals, and you testified no, and 2 Q -- available or referenced? Okay. And then just for toxins, and you testified no, correct? a couple things on the labels. I'm going to give 4 A Correct. you exhibit -- I'm just going to stay with the 4 5 Q Would you say that these labels, however, imply Kentucky food for now, and so Exhibits 4 and 5, 5 that it's free of metals, BPA -which are the regional and Six Fish. And I 6 MS. BACA: Objection. just -- I want to -- she asked you a question, and 7 8 O -- and toxins? I think there was maybe a little bit 8 MS. BACA: Calls for -miscommunication between the two. She asked, you 9 10 A I would say, again, they're telling me that it's know: Is there anything that would make you think 10 biologically appropriate, that it's naturally that this food is not nutritional, and I believe 11 11 sourced. I assume that they would have done you were looking specifically at the label. And 12 12 testing or it wouldn't contain things that would so if the label had the disclosure, which you 13 13 harm my pets. think it should have, which says, "Has a risk of 14 14 15 Q Including heavy metals? heavy metals," would that affect your opinion that 15 16 A Absolutely. this -- that Six Fish or Regional Red, Exhibit 4 16 17 Q Including BPA? or 5, have the same nutritional value as you 17 A Absolutely. 18 thought when you bought it? 18 MS. PETERSON: Objection. 19 19 A If it stated that --20 Q Including pentobarbital? 20 Q Mm-hmm. 21 A Absolutely. 21 A -- on there, I wouldn't have bought it. 22 O And then let's go to label 5 -- or Exhibit 5, 22 Q Okay. And the same, if it had a disclosure that which is the Six Fish label. She would -- did --23 it had a risk of BPA, would you --23 you had some conversation today about the term 24 A That's the same. I wouldn't have bought it. 24 "regional" specifically limited to the fish. Do 25 Q And if it had a label that had the risk of 25 Page 128 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 Page 126 Videotaped Deposition of SCOTT WEAVER, 6-19-19 you recall that? pentobarbital, would you --1 2 A Mm-hmm. 2 A Wouldn't have bought it. 3 O Okay. 3 Q Because that affects the nutritional value? 4 A Yes. 4 A Correct. So you'll -- on these pet food bags, you'll see 5 Q Do you -- is it your understanding, you know, they that the term "regional" is used, especially if were -- they asked you what was your -- your 6 you look at, for instance, Regional Red, correct? understanding of biologically appropriate. Do you 7 7 8 A Yes. think biologically appropriate means that the pet 8 9 Q So you understand in Six Fish and both food has heavy metals in it? Regional Red that there are ingredients beyond the 10 10 A No. fish coming from New England, correct? Do you think biologically appropriate portrays to 11 11 Q 12 A Correct. you as a consumer that it has BPA in it? 12 13 Q And so would you think that kibble made with 13 A No. regional ingredients, whether it be vegetables, 14 14 Q Or that it has a risk of BPA? those vegetables would be coming from the region 15 15 A No. close to the Kentucky DogStar? Q Do you think biologically appropriate relates to 16 16 17 A Where it's -you as a consumer that there is a risk of 17 MS. BACA: Objection. 18 pentobarbital? 18 A -- produced, correct. 19 A No. Q And so would you think regional ingredients would 20 Q And then at one point, I believe there was a 20 come from California? question where you were asked anywhere on this 21 21 22 A No. food label -- either label -- do they -- do they 22 MS. BACA: Objection. 23 state that they're free of BPA? 23 24 A No. 24 A Right. 25 Q Would you think regional would come from India? 25 Q And you said that -- you testified no?

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1 A		is regional, whether it be in its name or that it
2	MS. BACA: Objection.	2 says "fresh and regional"?
3 Q	Would you think regional ingredients would come	3 A Yes.
	from China?	4 MS. BACA: Objection.
5	MS. BACA: Objection.	5 Q And is that something you relied on in making the
	No.	6 decision to purchase this product?
7 0	Would you think regional ingredients would come	7 A Yes.
	from Ohio?	8 MS. BACA: Objection.
9	MS. BACA: Objection.	9 A They did all the click words, "Trusted pet lovers,
10 A	No. I would say think it was more Kentucky, if	cherished dog, healthy." Of course, we thought
11	that's where it's produced.	11 all was good.
12 Q	Okay. Would you think and then finally, she	12 Q Would you have purchased this Regional Red if you
13	asked you about the term "never outsourced." Do	knew that the tallow and meal were coming
1.4	you remember that?	MS. BACA: Objection.
ı	Yeah.	15 Q from the same supplier that made the meal and
	I F F F T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	16 tallow for Gravy Train?
16 Q	made that was included in either Regional Red or	17 A No.
17	Six Fish by a third party is is not outsourced	18 Q And you know what Gravy Train is, correct?
18	-	19 A Yeah.
19	by Champion?  No. If it's a third party, it's outsourced.	20 Q Is \$0.99 can?
	And would you agree that ingredients that have	21 A Yeah.
21 Q	pentobarbital would be fit for human consumption?	22 Q So you would not think that a \$90-plus bag would
22	-	use the same supplier
23 A	No.	MS. BACA: Objection.
24 Q		25 Q as a \$0.99 can?
25	pentobarbital is a regulated barbiturate	25 Q
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1	MS. BACA: Objection.	1 A Correct.
2 Q	by the FDA?	MS. PETERSON: That is all I have.
3 A	I didn't know it, but, okay.	3 MS. BACA: I have a follow-up
4 Q	And then the would you think that if you look	4 question.
5	on these both these exhibits and they talk	5 MS. PETERSON: Sure.
6	about fresh, you see that certain times they do	6 EXAMINATION
7	say, "Delivered daily"?	7 By Ms. Baca:
8 A	Yep.	8 Q Mr. Weaver, if you can look at exhibit is it 5?
9 Q	So would you think that fresh means that they were	9 MS. PETERSON: Sorry. 5 or 5.
10	delivered daily and used in the food that day?	10 O Exhibit 4 and Exhibit
11 A		MS. PETERSON: So that's 4 and 5
12 Q		THE WITNESS: 4 and 5?
13	not, it's that they would you think fresh fish	MS. PETERSON: are the Dogstar.
14	would be fish that's caught in the ocean by their	14 Q Could you please take your time and read the
15	supplier and not used for five months and later?	ingredient the ingredient list, the entire
16	MS. BACA: Objection.	list, please. Did you finish the Six Fish
17 A		17 ingredient list?
18 Q	10	18 A Mm-hmm.
19	MS. BACA: Objection.	19 Q Okay. So you read the ingredient list for the
20 Q	or the second page of	
,	Exhibit 4, please.	21 A Yes.
21	Did you look at the back of this bag and see	22 Q Did you see anywhere on there the ingredient of a
	the emphasis on "trust" and "trusted"?	23 fish meal or a meat meal?
23 24 A	- 0	24 A I don't recall seeing it on here, no.
24 A	the food	
23 4	( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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,	٨	I don't see meal on here.	1	STATE OF WISCONSIN)
T	-		2	COUNTY OF DANE )
2	Q	Thank you. Could you please read the ingredient	3	I, JESSICA BOLANOS, a Notary Public in and for the
3		list on the Regional Red from DogStar.	4	State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the
4	-	Okay.	5	foregoing videotaped deposition was taken before me
5	Q	Is there meat meal in there?	6	at the offices of Verbatim Reporting, Limited, Two
6	Α	I don't see that in here either.		
7		MS. BACA: Okay. Thank you.	7	East Mifflin Street, Suite 102, City of Madison,
8		MS. PETERSON: Just one follow-up.	8	County of Dane, and State of Wisconsin, on the 19th
9		EXAMINATION	9	day of June 2019; that it was taken at the request of
10	В	y Ms. Peterson:	10	the Defendants upon verbal interrogatories; that it
11	Q	Are you aware under AAFCO if they have to use the	11	was taken in shorthand by me, a competent court
12		word "meal" or if there's other terms they can	12	reporter and disinterested person, approved by all
13		use?	13	parties in interest and thereafter converted to
14		MS. BACA: Objection.	14	typewriting using computer-aided transcription; that
15	Α	I'm not aware. I know I If it's called	15	said deposition is a true record of the deponent's
16		something else, I don't know what else it would be	16	testimony; that the appearances were as shown on
17		called.	17	Page 3 of the deposition; that the deposition was
18	0	Correct. So you wouldn't know if de-boned mutton	18	taken pursuant to notice; that said SCOTT WEAVER
19	V	or de-boned lamb or de-boned beef would	19	before examination was sworn by me to testify to the
		MS. BACA: Objection.		·
20	٨	No, I wouldn't know that. It doesn't say, "meal,"	20	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth
21	А		21	relative to said cause. Dated June 21, 2019.
22		and that's what the question asked me.	22	USGica Bolana-
23		MS. BACA: Okay. Thank you.	23	Octavia errora
24		MS. PETERSON: That's it.	24	Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
25		MS. BACA: All right.	25	
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		THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record		
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